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In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief in the above-identified matter, Applicant is expressly abandoning the present application, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejections and is filing a continuation application herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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